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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ulrich STACHE et al.

Serial No.: 08/897,455

Filed: July 22, 1997

For: CORTICOID-17, 21-DICARBOXYLIC ESTERS
AND CORTICOSTEROID 17-CARBOXYLIC
ESTER 21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES
FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND
PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING THESE
COMPOUNDS



) Group Art Unit: 1616

) Examiner: B. Radio

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time. A fee of \$1,360.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
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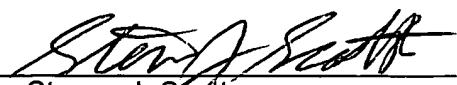
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